

this month the legendary restaurateur Joe Tecce passed away, and with his death at age 94 a colorful chapter of Boston's history came to a close.

Joe's journey in the hospitality business started with a pushcart selling fruit on the North End's Salem Street at age 14, and due to his father's death years earlier, that job would constitute much of the family income. His trademark perseverance and business sense allowed him to open the Bella Napoli pizzeria in 1947. This 30 seat restaurant would host the first of countless guests, from all walks of life and from all over the world, who would make an evening special by sitting at one of Joe's coveted tables.

Once formally established on North Washington Street, Joe Tecce's Ristorante, or what regulars simply called "Tecce's", became a favorite of Bostonians, tourists from around the world, and celebrities of every stripe for more than 40 years. His reputation grew as his business and family did, and for Joe the two were almost inseparable. In addition to his traditional culinary skills, Joe became a host of such generosity and grace that he became an ambassador for the city itself. Standing at the door of Tecce's, often with his trademark wide-brimmed felt hat, Joe would greet everyone from Elizabeth Taylor and Nancy Reagan, to Frank Sinatra and Al Pacino, as well as luminaries from the worlds of sports such as Bobby Orr, Reggie Jackson and Larry Bird. His love of boxing not only attracted Rocky Marciano and Marvin Hagler to visit, it actually resulted in Joe being named to the Boxing Commission by then-Governor Ed King.

To walk into Tecce's was to walk into his home, and as you took your seat you could look around and see generations of Joe's family, sons and cousins, pushing forward the legacy he started with his fruit cart over 60 years earlier. For me and my family, no trip to the Boston Garden for a Celtics or Bruins game would be complete without starting the evening at Tecce's, and over the many years I knew Joe it became customary for my friends to gather there before a political event or a night at the theater.

Joe Tecce loved his family, his neighbors, and the North End and its traditions. But it was with his restaurant that he wove together all three and throughout the course of his career they became one. His legacy of generosity and hospitality leaves the city of Boston a better place, and it is with a heavy heart that I join his countless friends and beloved family in honoring his time with us.●

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER MARK S. HOCHBERG

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize CDR Mark S. Hochberg on his retirement from 20 years of faithful and dedicated service to the U.S. Navy.

Throughout his career as a Seabee and civil engineer, he has made count-

less contributions to our Navy and Nation that improved the Navy's readiness and bettered the lives of its men and women. I want to thank him for his service and wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.●

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2487. A bill to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 416. A resolution recognizing the victims of Hurricane Rita 6 months after the disaster, commending the resiliency of the people of Southwest Louisiana and Southeast Texas, and committing to stand by them in their relief and rebuilding efforts; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. FRIST, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. Res. 417. A resolution honoring the National Association of State Veterans Homes and the 119 State veterans homes providing long-term care to veterans that are represented by that association for their contributions to the health care of veterans and the health-care system of the Nation; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CONRAD, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 418. A resolution designating the week beginning April 2, 2006, as "Week of the Young Child"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 419. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the new United Nations Human Rights Council fails to adequately reform the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, thus preventing that body from becoming an effective monitor of human rights throughout the world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 484

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide standards and procedures to guide both State and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, interrogation of law enforcement officers, and administrative disciplinary hearings, and to ensure accountability of law enforcement officers, to guarantee the due process rights of law enforcement officers, and to require States to enact law enforcement discipline, accountability, and due process laws.

S. 722

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 722, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level.

S. 1112

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1112, a bill to make permanent the enhanced educational savings provisions for qualified tuition programs enacted as part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

S. 1728

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1728, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the Indian employment credit and the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation.

S. 2135

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2135, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to report to Congress concerning proposed changes to longstanding policies that prohibit foreign interests from exercising actual control over the economic, competitive, safety, and security decisions of United States airlines, and for other purposes.

S. 2296

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2296, a bill to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the